GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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X-RAY MACHINES AT AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether only one X-Ray machine is operational at many departure points at India Airports to screen baggage;

(b) if so, the reasons for not making other lying machine operational;

(c) whether any efforts have been made to develop an efficient and fast security clearance at the airports;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there is only one X-Ray machine at Hyderabad Airport leading to delay in clearances; and

(f) if so, the steps being taken to provide one more X-Ray machine there?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

(SHRI SHARAD YADAV)
(a) and (b):- Yes, Sir. The number of X-Ray Baggage Inspection System (X-BIS) machines installed and kept operational at various airports is determined by the number of flights operating through an airport at a particular time. X-BIS machines for hand baggage check are exclusively provided by the Airports Authority of India (AAI), while XBIS for registered baggage is provided by AAI and/or airline concerned. XBIS are not provided at smaller aerodromes where only small type of aircraft operate and baggage check is done manually.

(c) and (d):- To develop an efficient and fast security clearance at airports, wherever necessary the old X-Ray machines are replaced and new colour X-Ray machines are being installed so as to ensure that at least 2 X-Ray machines are available at every point.

(e) and (f):- No, Sir. There are seven X-Ray machines (3 for hand baggage and 4 for registered baggage) available at Hyderabad and orders have been issued for procurement of 4 machines.